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SUBJECT:PHILIP AGEE'S BOOK ON CIA IN LATIN AMERICA

1. REPORTS FROM OUR POSTS INDICATE AN INCREASING LEVEL OF COMMENT ON THE RECENTLY PUBLISHED BOOK BY PHILIP AGEE: "INSIDE THE COMPANY: CIA DIARY". BECAUSE THE BOOK FOCUSES ON ALLEGED CIA ACTIVITY IN LATIN AMERICA, MOST OF THIS COMMENT HAS ORIGINATED THERE. COMMENT FROM OTHER AREAS IS BEGINNING, HOWEVER, AND WE EXPECT ITS INCIDENCE WILL INCREASE. A NATURAL CONSEQUENCE WILL BE PUBLIC AND PERHAPS OCCASIONAL OFFICIAL INQUIRY DIRECTED TO OUR MISSIONS.

2. IN THE EVENT OF PRESS OR OTHER PUBLIC INQUIRIES ALL OUR POSTS SHOULD FOLLOW THE STANDARD GUIDANCE, I.E., WE SHOULD SAY THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE USUAL USG PRACTICE
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WHEN ASKED ABOUT ALLEGED INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES, WE WILL

HAVE NO COMMENT ON MR. AGEE'S BOOK OR ITS SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS. IF QUESTIONED IN PRIVATE BY LOCAL OFFICIALS YOU MAY IN YOUR DISCRETION SAY THAT AGEE'S BOOK CONTAINS A GREAT MANY ALGATIONS, AND MANY ACCUSATIONS AGAINST MANY PEOPLE, FOREIGNERS AS WELL AS AMERICANS, AND THAT TO ATTEMPT A POINT-BY-POINT RESPONSE WOULD ENGAGE US IN A

VIRTUALLY ENDLESS AND PROBABLY FRUITLESS TASK. IF YOU ARE HARD PRESSED ON A PARTICULAR ALLEGATION AND BELIEVE THAT IMPORTANT POLICY CONSIDERATIONS ARE INVOLVED YOU SHOULD ASK FURTHER GUIDANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT. KISSINGER

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